



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2761

S/N 08/823,534

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	JOHNSON	Examiner:	L. PLUTA
Serial No.:	08/823,534	Group Art Unit:	2761
Filed:	MARCH 24, 1997	Docket No.:	7709.29USC2
Title:	ELECTRONIC PROPOSAL PREPARATION SYSTEM		

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 8, 1999. This after-final amendment is being filed within two (2) months of the mailing of the Final Office Action. Claims 30-55 are pending in the application. Independent claims 30, 39, 46, and 55 have been amended. Because the Applicant believes the amendments to each of the independent claims now place the case in condition for allowance, entry of the Amendment, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case for allowance is respectfully requested.

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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